

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 9, 10 and 12 and rejected claims 33, 40 and 42. Claims 33, 40 and 42 are cancelled herein without prejudice. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-8, 11, 13-32, 34-39 and 41 remain cancelled.

Thus, claims 9, 10 and 12 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

On page 3 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9, 10 and 12 are allowed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 33 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,349,368 (Takeda) and U.S. Patent No. 6,119,078 (Kobayakawa). As indicated above, claims 33 and 40 have been cancelled.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

Claim 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kobayakawa. As indicated above, claim 42 has been cancelled.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

In light of the foregoing, all pending claims are allowed and there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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